

COCONINO COUNTY IS ARIZONA'S SUMMER PARADISE FOR TOURISTS

By MARK DUNBAR

Just why any resident of this state should hie himself to the mountain or beach resorts of California when the summer heat commences at home is a question that has long caused the writer to wonder. Now after a brief, and all too brief visit to Flagstaff and Arizona's summer paradise the question is one that appears to be unanswerable.

California has a rather doubtful attraction that, since January first offers an appeal to a certain class of Arizona's citizens—that is booze. To those people who go on vacations in order that they may soak their hides full of booze, we say, by all means go to California. You will find many of your kind over in the Golden state. But to those people who seek climate and scenery, who go on vacations to enjoy themselves and build themselves up for a strenuous winter, we say by all means, stay in Arizona. There is not a part of northern Arizona that does not offer a delightful summer climate while many sections of the north have the added advantage of splendid scenery. In the latter class we think Flagstaff stands at the head, not only of all other Arizona cities, but of any place in the entire United States. Where a town in another state offers the tourist one wonder of nature, Flagstaff offers a dozen and in addition boasts of a summer climate that cannot be bettered in any place on this continent.

That wonder of all wonders, the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river, is but a pleasant day's drive from Flagstaff and is the star attraction in the line of scenic beauties. But where any other part of the country would sit back in a self satisfied manner and point with pride to this one work of nature, Flagstaff permits the visitor to drop back to earth after visiting the Canyon, and then immediately begins pointing out a dozen other remarkable evidences of the Creator's work.

Over one of the most beautiful scenic highways in the United States the visitor can journey by auto from Flagstaff to Grand Canyon. The road goes through a beautiful pine forest by way of the cave dwellings. Sunset mountain, an extinct volcano, by the San Francisco peaks, by Firey mountain and by dozens of other lesser attractions to the Canyon. One of the peculiar features of the trip is that Firey mountain, which when viewed in the morning resembles a sheet of livid flame, is but a drab, ordinary looking little hill when seen in the afternoon. Likewise, on the outward trip, when crossing the divide one can look across a forty-mile stretch of country and see the painted desert, but it is a very ordinary scene indeed that encounters the tourist eye. But on the return trip when the afternoon sun strikes the colored sands, it is painted in all its glory and offers a view that one never tires of. To a certain extent the painted desert reminded me of a chorus girl. A chorus girl is a very ordinary looking thing indeed in the daylight hours, but after the sun sets and the lights are turned on she comes out in all her war paint and is a wonderful thing to behold. In the morning hours the painted desert isn't dolled up for visitors, but in the afternoon, after a quiet morning's rest, she looms up like a lighthouse. The trip by auto from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon can be made easily in four hours. That is the average time. Purdy Bullard could easily make the round trip in two days. W. K. James would require at least a week, while Charley Akers, Vic Cooper, Guy Nichols and some of our speed fiends would make the round trip before luncheon. Common ordinary drivers like the most of us would leave Flagstaff in the morning at seven o'clock and get our first view of the Canyon at Grand View about eleven. Stop at Grand View by all means, gaze long and carefully at the Canyon, go through Berry's curio room and then proceed to Balanced Rock, some five miles further on. Here another good view of the Canyon can be had, and in addition several dandy luncheon places are discovered. Spread your lunch under the pines at this point and about half after twelve proceed to El Tovar. Here another wonderful view of the Canyon can be had. Also while here take a good look at the splendid El Tovar hotel, maintained at the Canyon by the Santa Fe.

Another Fine Trip

Another splendid trip out of Flagstaff that one should take by all means is to Sunset mountain. Sunset mountain is an extinct volcano that quit business some six hundred years ago, but not until it had covered the country for miles around with lava and cinders. Near the mountain one can see the lava beds that resemble the Bad Lands of the north, while at the foot of the mountain, covered by hundreds of tons of lava are the ice caves, where large blocks of ice can be found, winter and summer, but ten or fifteen

feet below the earth's surface. On the homeward journey from Sunset mountain, which is about sixteen miles from Flagstaff, a short side trip takes the tourist to the wonderful Walnut Canyon, a huge break in the earth's surface a thousand feet deep, where the long extinct race of Cliff Dwellers made their homes. The caves in the cliffs where the members of this long dead race lived can easily be seen from the top of the canyon, but for the benefit of the more curious, there is a good path leading down the side of the canyon right to the entrance of the caves. The run back from Walnut Canyon to Flagstaff is over a splendid road that passes within a hundred yards of the bottomless pit, which is a natural wonder well worth seeing. This same road also goes by the Greenlaw Lumber Mill, a work of man which is almost as interesting to the dwellers of the lowlands as some of the works of nature.

Other Wonderful Trips

There are dozens of other wonderful trips which can be made by auto from Flagstaff, so many in fact that a two month's sojourn in the northern city would be none too long. The trip across the Painted Desert and over a wonderful suspension bridge which crosses the Little Colorado, to Tuba City and the Indian country can be made in two days and is well worth taking. Then there is the seventy-five mile run to the Natural Bridge, the prehistoric ruins, Oak Creek, San Francisco Peaks and a dozen other places all within easy distance of town over fine roads which would more than repay the tourist for the journey.

We have mentioned among the assets of the northern city its climate and the many wonderful things nearby to be seen, but equally as attractive to the writer were the people of Flagstaff. The Creator never turned loose in this big state of ours a finer or more hospitable lot of people than the residents of Flagstaff. If the summer visitor does not have a good time in Flagstaff it is because climate, scenery and fine treatment have no appeal.

While visiting the northern city the writer would also suggest that the tourist, particularly people from Phoenix, Tucson, Bisbee or any of the larger southern cities, make a trip of inspection through Babbitt Brothers store. Southern Arizona boasts some pretty good sized business establishments yet up in the little city of Flagstaff is a department store that is twenty-five per cent larger than anything else of its kind in the state. Next summer (and I am talking now to you folks who are satisfied to drink water straight) take the writer's tip and visit our own northern wonderland. The climate will equal any you have ever before enjoyed and you will see things in the line of scenic wonders you never dreamed of before. Try it next summer. You will then thank me for the advice instead of thanking your home banker for allowing you to overdraw your account while in California.—Dunbar's Weekly.

Progress of Forest Road Surveys

Highway Engineer O. N. Powell of the Albuquerque office of the Forest Service has just been making an inspection of the work which is being carried on by Engineer D. L. MacBeath and his crew of men in surveying out the Heber-Young wagon road on the Tonto and Sitgreaves National Forests and the Long Valley-Sutton ranch wagon road on the Coconino National Forest. Mr. Powell reports that the survey of the former road has been completed as far as Young and that the maximum grade will be 8 percent. The Forest Service expects to build this road as soon as funds will permit.

The Forest Service surveying crew is now working on the Long Valley-Sutton ranch road and is encountering some difficulties in finding a practicable route across the Blue Ridge. This is a bad place, the badness of which need hardly be called to the attention of any one who has tried to cross it by wagon or motor. The chances are, however, according to Mr. Powell, that a maximum 8 percent grade as well as a shortening of the former route will be possible on this road.

"Just the Thing."

A tailor's work is sedentary. That is why most tailors suffer from constipation. G. W. Roberson, Wichita Falls, Tex., says: "I find Foley Cathartic Tablets the most delightful, cleansing cathartic I have ever taken. They are just the thing." They keep the stomach sweet and the liver active, drive away headache, dullness, tired feeling, biliousness, bloat, and other results of clogged bowels. Prompt and effective, without gripe or pain. Stout people praise them for light, free feeling they give. Will Marlar Pharmacy.—Advertisement.

NORTHERN COUNTIES TO BE WELL REPRESENTED

(Special to Coconino Sun by Grace M. Sparkes.)

Prescott, Arizona, Sept. 22, 1915.—The Northern Arizona Fair, which is to be held at Prescott, Oct. 21-22-23, will absolutely be the best fair insofar as representative exhibits are concerned, that has ever been staged in the state of Arizona. Already, assurances are received that Navajo county will be at the fair with bells on. F. J. Willis, the fair commissioner for Navajo county, will have charge of the collecting and installation of the exhibit. Included in this display will be one of the coal and also a special one, devoted to the Indian relics of that section.

Coconino county, with F. O. Allen, immigration commissioner, is preparing to send a splendid display, particularly in the livestock department. Mohave county, under the direction of Mr. Lynch, will be well represented at the fair. Their special display will be in the mining department. It is expected that Apache county will make a display representative of the county.

Yavapai county is planning quite an exhibit of her mineral, agricultural and livestock industries. From all the counties will come exhibits in the poultry department, which is the only official show of the American Poultry Association, to be held in Arizona this year.

The educational department, under the supervision of Professor W. D. Baker, will be both inspiring and instructive. Besides the beautiful ribbons to be awarded, a cash prize of \$50 is offered to the county making the best school display at the Northern Arizona Fair.

The sports and amusement end of the fair program are well in hand and many surprises will be offered those attending the fair. More stalls are now being erected at the fair grounds to house the racing horses which will appear on the track. Low excursion rates are in effect and a good time is assured every one who attends.

The Arizona State Fair

Phoenix, Arizona, Sept. 30.—The annual and official premium lists are now being circulated to all the prospective exhibitors of the Arizona State Fair. There is a slight difference in the size of the present book and those of former years, but the books are uniform with nearly all the state fairs of the country. A vast amount of information is listed in these premium lists, as well as many attractive advertisements and illustrations of the state fair activities. Governor Hunt has a message for the people of the state in the front of the premium list. The Governor says: "To the people of Arizona: To those who have resided within Arizona for any considerable time, I need not point out that the annual State Fair held at Phoenix during the most delightful season of the year is eagerly anticipated not only by Arizona's citizens, but also by many people throughout the southwest, who recognize the Fair as one of the best annual exhibits and race meets held anywhere in the country. Not merely because the Fair is Arizona's greatest advertisement of her business resources, but as well for the week's incomparable enjoyment which it affords. Week holds in store, it is hoped that the 1915 fair, which, like all the others, will surpass in character and magnitude the one preceding, will be attended by every loyal Arizonian who can spare the necessary time from his or her affairs of every-day life."

Harry Thaw Visits St. Johns

The world-renowned Harry K. Thaw ate dinner at the American hotel last Tuesday. He was accompanied by his sister, Countess Schenez, and M. I. O'Brien, his secretary. In registering they put down Pittsburg as their place of residence. They were returning home from the coast and rode in a Cadillac special, Thaw himself doing the driving.—St. Johns Observer.

A Busted Joke

As a sample of how very often your best joke or whole article is rendered void and without point we reprint the following from an exchange, with an explanation of the joke.

"A young man, an only son, married against the wishes of his parents. A short time afterwards, in telling a friend how to break the news to them, he said: "Start off by telling them that I am glad, and then gently work up to the climax."

The average reader will wonder some where the smile is in the above clipping, but if he will change the word "glad" in next to the last line to "dead" he might see the point. This is not with a view of laughing at the fellow who made the mistake, but to point out what happens an editor every day in a print shop, no matter how careful he may be.

WILL RAISE PARCEL POST RATES ON STAR ROUTES

Radical changes in parcel post rates in Arizona are to result from a recent order by the postoffice department, holding that although certain offices may be inside a fixed zone limit, it is necessary to take a long and round-about way to reach them, and that rates shall be based on actual railroad distances rather than as the crow flies.

An instance is quoted: The settlements of Strawberry and Pine, south of Flagstaff in the Payson country, have had their parcel post route discontinued. Under the old construction of parcel post rules, residents of these places have ordered goods in Flagstaff, less than fifty miles away across the mountains, and the shipments have been mailed via Ash Fork, Phoenix, Maricopa, Bowie, Globe and Payson. This route is about 500 miles long, so that the parcels had to travel ten times the actual air line distance in order to reach the consignee.

In order to spread the tidings about the new zone arrangement, there has been sent out the following letter:

"On and after September 1, 1915, the following order of the postmaster general became effective:

For delivery within the first zone, five cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound and one cent for each additional pound or fraction of a pound, except as provided in the next proceeding paragraph (and except where the distance by the shortest regular mail route from the office of origin to the office of delivery is 300 miles or more, in which case the rates of postage shall be six cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction of a pound.)

For delivery within the second zone (five cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound, and one cent for each additional pound or fraction of a pound (except where the distance by the shortest regular mail route from the office of origin to the office of delivery is 300 miles or more, in which case the rates of postage shall be six cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction of a pound.)

Official Tax Notice

Office of County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector. Flagstaff, Coconino County, Arizona, September 30, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment and tax roll of Coconino County, Arizona, is now in my possession for the collection of taxes levied for the year 1915.

Par. 4895, Chapter 9, Session Laws of Second Special Session, 1915. One half of all the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one-half of the taxes on all real property, will be due and payable on the First Monday in September, 1915, and will be delinquent on the First Monday in November next thereafter at 5 o'clock p. m., and unless paid prior thereto four per cent will be added thereto as a penalty, and interest from the time of the delinquency, at the rate of ten per cent per annum until paid.

The remaining one-half of the taxes on all personal property secured by real property, and one half of the taxes on all real property will be due and payable on and after the First Monday in March next, and will be delinquent on the First Monday in May next, thereafter, at 5 o'clock p. m.: unless paid prior thereto, four per cent will be added thereto as penalty, and interest from the time of the delinquency at the rate of ten per cent per annum until paid.

All taxes may be paid at the time the first installment, as herein provided, is due and payable.

Taxes will be received at the Treasurer's office in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Taxes will be received in Williams at the Williams State Bank October 22 and 23, 1915.

Taxes on all personal property not secured by real property is forthwith payable or liable to seizure and sale.

S. S. ACKER,
County Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector.
Oct. 1-8-15.

Our Jitney Offer—This and 5c

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back, rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. Will Marlar Pharmacy.—Advertisement.

SUPERVISORS MUST LOWER COUNTY TAX LEVY OF 1915

Notification to decrease the Coconino county tax levy is contained in the following communication addressed to the Coconino board of supervisors by the state tax commission:

Under date of August 31st complaint was filed with this commission by the State Taxpayer's association to the effect that Coconino county in the adoption of its budget for the year 1915, had apparently exceeded the limit allowed by law, and requesting that an investigation be made with reference to same.

Upon receiving the proceedings of your board for both the years 1914 and 1915, the commission finds that you have levied in excess of the ten per cent limit allowed by law and for other than school purposes by approximately eight cents on each one hundred dollars valuation.

Under the provisions of paragraph 4829, revised statutes of Arizona, 1913, you are hereby ordered and directed to decrease the aforesaid tax levy the sum of eight cents on each one hundred dollars' valuation. Said decrease shall be made on either the general fund or the road fund, or a portion from each, as you may deem proper.

The above order is made to comply with the provisions of chapter III, revised statutes of Arizona, 1913.

Should any taxes have been paid under the tax rate formerly fixed by your board, you are hereby ordered and directed to refund to persons having paid same such amounts as may be shown by the difference between the erroneous levy and that now fixed.

By order of the state tax commission.

CHAS. H. HOWE, Chairman.

"The Man From Yesterday"

A novel with an Arizona setting without cowboys, the lone prospector, are painted Indian or even a freckled Gila monster is almost as rare as an auk's egg, yet the task has been done by Will Robinson, in his new novel "The Man From Yesterday," and done exceedingly well.

Mr. Robinson has lived in the southwest much of his life and writes of its hills and plains, its peoples and problems with the pen of one who has beheld and understood.

The reader sees the gaunt mountains purpling at sunset, the cacti-covered desert, rich with possibilities for future fruitfulness, hears the brown, irrigation water swirling under head-gates and the noise of busy city streets where virile men work out the problems of the new empire of the southwest.

But, most of all, he who reads will follow with steadily increasing interest the fortunes of Rodney McKane, a young man of high ideals, who, keenly sensitive to the obligations he owes a generous patron, the leading financier of the state, finds them conflicting at every point with the duties he owes the city which has elected him mayor.

Naturally there are complications, and they lead up to a climax that grips one's imagination.

The woman in the story is Helen Ingraham, the niece of the financier. She has an individuality quite as marked as the young mayor, and it is her loyalty and womanly charm that is his greatest incentive in playing the game squarely—to the last chapter.

The author has been a resident of Phoenix for years, later removing to Chandler, where he spends his winters while his summers take him to Prescott. Here he does much work among the pines, which he loves. Mr. Robinson has spent several summers in Flagstaff.

"The Man From Yesterday" is on sale at Babbitt Bros.

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